

Saturday, 2nd September, 1922.

Easton Park, 3.15.

BALMAIN FERNLEIGH v. BALMAIN GLADSTONES
(CARNIVAL MATCH).

Referee: Mr. R. BURNS.

Early Match, 1.45.

ANNANDALE ALTONA v. SUNLIGHT
(PRACTICE MATCH).

NOTE.—The following events will be decided during the afternoon:—

110 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP OF CLUBS.
440 YARDS RELAY.
NOVELTY EVENTS.

Sydney Cricket Ground, No. 2.
at 3.15.

HORNSBY ATHLETIC v. ROZELLE ROVERS

at 1.45.

GARDEN ISLAND v. LACHLAN RANGERS
(SUNLIGHT CUP)

"THE SONGS OF BILL."

I 'ates like anything a blessed
boast;
But when I sees that we are fer
the Coast,
I reckons that we got their team
on toast;
And then, o' course, with me upon
the wing,
Gettin' the limelight that me speed
can bring;
But still I 'ates a skite like any-
thing.

So Gladys does the football trip
with me,
She likes the views and bonzer
scenery;
And things is going well as they
can be;
But on the quiet the hours seemed
to pass
A little drylike, but of course a
glass
Of water fixed me lovely, and we
went first class.

When we was on the field about
to start,
I feels a sudden stab go through
me heart,
To see a great big rough coot kiss
me fart!

The umpire takes the field, the
whistle blew,
But there was only one course ter
persoo;
So off the blanky field like mad I
flew.

They yelled and screeched at me to
bring me back,
And follers me just like a huntin'
pack,
As I comes onward to the bold
attack.

I'd show 'im 'co I was, but keep
quite calm
In case I does the blighter too
much 'arm;
When, gee! I spots 'em arm in
arm.

And then me temper flares up sud-
den 'ot,
I seems ter go clean off me blanky
dot.

And floors a big fat gapin' feller
on the spot.
He tells the lads ter grab me 'ands
and feet.

In case I damage all of their main
street;

But I breaks through and plants a
beauty neat.

I fights like mad, and 'ears 'er say,
"Oh, Bert,

Don't 'it 'im back,—you know
always 'urt';
I feels she's dragged me in the very
dirt.
They says the fight was most spec-
tacular,
And I was of the two the brightest
star;
And Gladys says she daren't tell 'er
ma!

I says to 'er as she bound up me
'ead:
"Is Bertie maimed fer life? or is
'e dead?"
"You couldn't 'urt a fly," was what
she said.
I felt surprised and yet a trifle
queer,
I thought perhaps I might 'ave 'urt
me ear;
She says: "'es goin' 'ome to chal-
lenge Carpenter."

"He is the one the papers talk
about,
And 'e's me' brother. Gee! he
knocked you out
With his own speschul brand of
fancy clout."
I'm done with Gladys, she was
calm and cool;
She smiled and said I looked a
norful fool.
And says I should a' learned to
fight at school.

She rubs it in the while me bruises
smarts,
And so I says to 'er, I'm done
with tarts,
They make yer love them, and they
breaks yer 'earts.

SYDNEY.

Everyone is pleased at the suc-
cess of the Sydney Club. Every-
one recognises it as a club made
up of real first-class sports and
gentlemen. For a long time
"handled" by Secretary and Goal-
keeper Vic. Paling, but for the last
two years by G. Bayer, the club
seems to have at last acquired the
knack of winning matches. Per-
merly, they were always able to
put up a good game, but were
generally beaten by the odd goal.
Their career in the G.C. will be
watched with more than casual in-
terest on account of their sena-
tional knocking out of Pyrmont.

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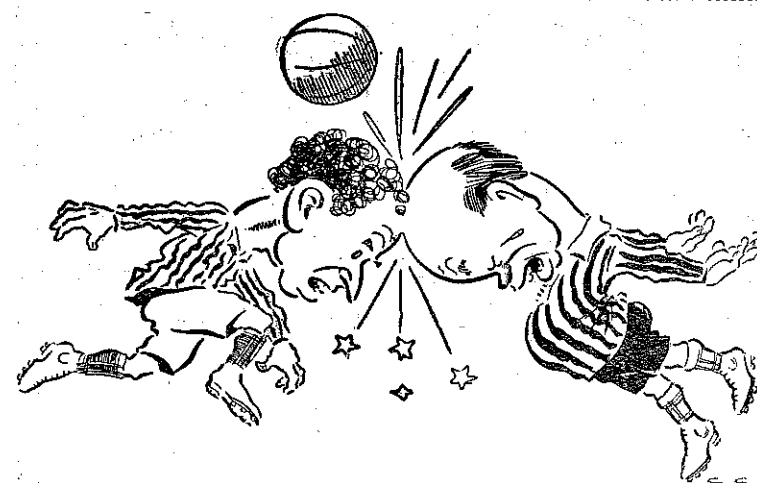
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EASTERN SUBURBS.

The following letter has been received from Mr. A. Magee, hon. sec. of Eastern Suburbs Football Club: Sir,—With reference to your editorial of the 26th ultimo wherein, inter alia, you state:—

"At Centennial Park the other week Eastern Suburbs played Pyrmont before a big crowd, and not even a collection box was taken around . . ."

I feel it incumbent upon me to enlighten you on this matter.

I had already foreseen the possibility of augmenting the funds of my club by making collections at the various matches on Centennial Park, but although application was made both to the superintendent of Centennial Park and the director of the Botanic Gardens, permission to take round collection boxes was refused. I was kindly, though firmly, asked "not to commercialise sport—at least on Centennial Park."

This restriction is one reason—and, incidentally, the main cause—

why Eastern Suburbs are never strong financially, and if the Management Committee can secure or assist my club in securing an enclosed ground for next season they will earn the eternal gratitude of all Eastern Suburbs' players and supporters." That is all very well, but the idea is that the club must take the initiative. Let them scour the district for a suitable vacant space which may be enclosed or may be secured by tender and let them, immediately this season closes, make a report to M.C., and if possible lay before the Committee a scheme by which the ground may be jointly obtained and financed.

The Council Meeting of the Association last Monday night closed at 9.30 p.m., delegates having no business to bring forward, and no complaints.

The Soccer News

EDITORIAL.

THE OBTAINING OF A HOME GROUND.

Recent "Editorials" dealing with the questions of home grounds, the cost of playing, etc., have stirred up some interest in the different clubs, and many communications relating to same have been received. It appears that at Brereton Park the position was not quite as stated in one of the articles. It is understood there is still a chance that Gladesville may eventually again secure the ground. A letter from Eastern Suburbs appears in this issue, and in the last paragraph is the following passage:—

"If the Management Committee can secure or assist my club in securing an enclosed ground for next season they will earn the eternal gratitude of all Eastern Suburbs' players and supporters." That is all very well, but the idea is that the club must take the initiative. Let them scour the district for a suitable vacant space which may be enclosed or may be secured by tender and let them, immediately this season closes, make a report to M.C., and if possible lay before the Committee a scheme by which the ground may be jointly obtained and financed.

Determination to get a home ground will go a long way. That proved by the efforts at Clyde, at Primrose Park, and at Ibrox Park.

The St. George Junior Association (to be) have written to the Association asking what help it is prepared to give towards the obtaining of a home ground in that district. The procedure should be for St. George to lay its plans before the M.C., say what money they can find, or find guarantors for, and then make a definite application for help. M.C. officials are not in a position to find grounds in every district; naturally it relies upon the clubs who are upon the spot to furnish reports.

In Newcastle and the South Coast, each club has a home ground and the home and away principle operates. In Newcastle, however, the Association has the right to take one home match from each club during the season, and to place upon the Association controlled ground. The M.S.F.A. itself is secure at Wentworth Park till the end of Season 1924. During the next two years we must try and consolidate our position. With a little energy and interest by club officials in this matter the position should be greatly improved before the opening of the next season.

MAC. v. PACKER.

APPOINTMENT OF REFEREES TO M.J.F.A.

To the readers of the "Soccer News:

I am very sorry to see the controversy in the "Soccer News" Mac v. F. C. Packer, and as my name has been mentioned by both of them, I deem it advisable to show the public why I am the one man appointment board of referees for junior matches, and

to sum up the two as regards their criticism.

Mac tells Packer to put his own house in order, before criticising that of others, of which he knows nothing. In my opinion, this is personal, and I am surprised personality should creep into fair criticism.

I would first ask Mac "is your house in order." I say "no," otherwise I would not be a one man appointment board. Secondly, as regards Mr. Packer knowing nothing, I can assure the readers of the "Soccer News" that Mr. Packer has done more for soccer football than Mac can ever do, more particularly as Mr. Packer has worked up the Junior Association to such an extent that he has under his control 60 teams. Apart from that he has filled the gap as a referee, so that the juniors could have a qualified referee to do their matches.

Now Mac, as you knew, the juniors required referees. Why did you not try to raise referees, and see they were appointed? "Action speaks louder than words." What have you done to get referees for junior matches, or to relieve me of acting in a capacity of assistant hon. sec. to the Referees Association. What have you done to assure the Junior Association that referees would be appointed? It appears you blame Mr. Packer for certain things, but being broadminded myself, I fail to see why the whole of the M.J.F.A. should be penalised by debarring the appointment of referees for their matches for whatever Mr. Packer may have done.

It may interest readers to know that the advice given to the juniors by the Referees Association was to form their own Referees Association, simply a way out of performing their functions as a Referees Association. This the Junior Association could not do at that juncture, as the season

was too far advanced, but may be next season a start will be made in this direction.

Mac says Mr. Packer's criticism of the Appointments Board would carry greater weight if he would endeavour to enlighten their already ponderous burden. I fail to see what burden they carry.

They appoint on an average 20 senior referees each week, whereas I myself appoint on an average of 25 to 30 referees each week.

Then when we were able to obtain sufficient referees to go all round both senior and junior matches, the Referees Association passed a resolution that all referees that have not paid their subscription by a certain date should receive no appointments. Now Mr. Mac, the juniors had to be robbed of referees because your association's house is somewhat out of order. Were all the referees notified to this effect? I can honestly say that the M.J.F.A. have never had a fair go in any capacity. They are laying the foundation for soccer in the metropolis every season, but it lacks

the support it deserves. And your support, Mac, to the M.J.F.A., I am sorry to say, has been "nothing."

FRANK WEST,

President of M.J.F.A.

WEST WALLSEND v. WOONONA.

The semi-final of the Gardiner Cup was played last Saturday at Bode's Ground, Wollongong, before a record crowd, between West Wallsend, State champions of last year, and Woonona.

The teams were:—West Maitland: J. Coutts, H. Maunder, H. James, C. Coutts, R. Sneddon, W. Smith, T. Coates, F. Hayes, W. Maunder, T. Sinclair, D. McLachlan. Woonona: G. Richardson, J. Muir, P. Hean, A. Creighton, T. Casley, N. Cheaney, E. Heyman, A. Veigil, J. James, E. Jarret, W. Welsh. Referee: Mr. E. Luke-man.

Woonona kicked with the wind in the first half, and immediately took the aggressive. West Wallsend kept them out, however, mainly owing to the efforts of

Sneddon, James and H. Maunder. Woonona were nearly in twice, however, and on one occasion it was only the cleverness of J. Coutts, the goalkeeper, who, after going down on the ball, feigned to get up, and then ducked, letting James and Jarret, of Woonona, go flying over his head, that saved them.

Westie then took a hand at attacking, and T. Coates, the right winger, after a beautiful burst along the touch line, centred high and W. Maunder, succeeding in getting his head to it, the ball went into the corner of the net. Goalkeeper Richardson making an attempt to save. Soon after W. Maunder received from about 15 yards out, and running on, in a scramble he succeeded in kicking into the net. Woonona were now demoralised; before the half-time whistle, W. Maunder, from the inside left position, had a speculative shot. Goalkeeper Richardson handed out, and Harper, reaching the ball before it struck the ground, kicked into the net, with an unstoppable drive. The second half was merely a farce; Westie's only other goal was a presentation. McLachlan put in a good corner, and the goalie, attempting to clear, deflected the ball into the net.

THE PLAYERS.

Woonona showed disappointing form. Their best, P. Head and A. Creighton were uninspiring. Westie, on the other hand, played lovely football. T. Coates was the best forward; closely following him came W. Maunder and F. Hayes. The latter is the only one of Westie's forward line who has not represented, and he is a good man.

T. Sinclair played fairly, but McLachlan had little to do, and was not taking.

Sneddon is a tower of strength. It strikes the writer he is as good as any of the halves that represented N.S.W. in Queensland this year. He is a real snag, and is a marvel, considering his 18 years of footer. James, proclaimed by Westie to be their best, although H. Maunder is the other one, is very nippy, a good tackler, and a safe clearer. He kicks many out of bounds, however, and does not place to any extent. J. and Coutts and Smith did not have much opportunity of showing their prowess.

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER, 1922.

SECOND DIVISION OF FIRST GRADE FINAL.

Sydney v. Balmain Scottish, Wentworth Oval, 3.15. Referee: Mr. L. Gill.

SUNLIGHT CUP.

Pymont Rangers v. Punchbowl, Wentworth Oval, 1.45. Referee: J. W. Earp.

Two Blues v. N.S.W. Fire Brigades, Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, 1.45. Referee: J. McDougall.

Hornsby Athletic v. Rozelle Hovers, Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, 3.15 p.m. Referee: W. A. Wright.

West Sydney v. Botany Albion B, Booralee Oval, 3.15. Referee: G. Hargett.

Annandale Altona v. Garden Is., Easton Park, 1.45. Referee: R. Burns.

Parramatta District v. Sunlight, Easton Park, 3.15. Referee: G. Fooks.

Abbotsford District v. Callan Park, Ibrox Park, 1.45. Referee: D. McKinnon.

Metters Ltd. v. Botany Albion A, Mascot Park, 3.15. Referee: S. Freeman.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

(KERR CUP).

Auburn v. Kurri Kurri, Clyde Oval, 3.15.

INTER-ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE MATCH.

Metropolitan Premiers (Pymont) v. A Grade Metropolitan Juniors, Primrose Park, 3.15.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT: CLUB SECRETARIES.

W. Maunder has completely recovered his form, and is playing better than ever. His football will be worth watching.

West Sydney won the B division of the Second Grade with 31 points; the runners-up were Two Blues with 28 points and a match to play.

The Fancy Dress Carnival at Easton Park was a great success.

West Wallsend won the Gardiner Cup last year; Granville has not won since 1914, although it contested finals in 1920 and 1921.

West Wallsend were a fortnight ago beaten by Weston, at Weston, two goals to nil.

Pymont were knocked out of the Kerr Cup (3-2) by Weston.

In all probability, the proposed fixture, Second Division v. Second Grade, will be abandoned.

The records for attendances at the Tramway Ground, Newcastle, are being broken weekly.

Callan Park tried to obtain a permit to play Allan Fisher in the Sunlight Cup.

Balmain Scottish is playing today as right wing J. Leckie, who formerly played full back with Balmain and represented the Metropolis. He obtained, early in the season, a permit to play with the Manly Club. He has been playing with the seashiders all the season.

The game has not made the same advance in the Metropolis this year as it has in Newcastle.

The form and the standard of play in Newcastle is generally higher than ours.

Some people say that this is because district football is in vogue in Newcastle.

The South Coast do not play district football, but the players generally play with the town they are living in.

Can a club exist without a Secretary?—Yes. Botany Albions have Nunn (none).

Burns Club set a good example.—They always have a little Toddie for their secretary.

Fernleigh's Secretary reminds us of the Scriptures.—For when he seeks for players he becomes a "Fisher of men."

Drummoyne Club have died out.—But their Secretary still remains a Living-stone.

Lancashire Society may pay their fees.—But their Secretary is always Owen (owing).

Sunlight's Secretary would be a Boon to any club.

If St. George made a mistake in their first Secretary, they made a Bird of their second choice.

You may be nominated for West Sydney's Secretary, but you haven't got Buckley's chance of being elected.

As Gladstones have had the same Secretary for some seasons, he must be a Running Story, probably to be "Continued in our next" (season).

Two Blues must give their Secretary the Blues, as he is always Hill (ill).

No matter if the sun is shining when you meet Manly Club, if their Secretary is with them it is always Knight (night).

Hurstville United never ask for a Mug full, a Tommy Dodd satisfies them.

"Robinson and Forrester played well in halves."—Poor things, they must have gone to pieces!

The Sydney Referees' team today will be selected from the following:—Messrs. Kerr, Alexander, Jones, Bates, Lester, O'Toole, Rose, Beattie, Skelly, Cockwell, Hampton, Hayes, Pringle, McLay, Bunfield, Neil, D. Brown, Berry, Sainty, Dal-lison, Smith.



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SYDNEY v. BALMAIN SCOTTISH

SYDNEY

(Blue and Black Stripes)

Goalkeeper

V. Paling

Fullbacks

1—G. Montgomery 2—H. Graham

Halves

3—S. Forrester 4—R. Robinson 5—S. Bates

Forwards

7—N. Charlton 9—J. Sherringham

6—D. Neilson 8—A. Doerner 10—F. Mellier-Smith



10—R. Campbell 8—A. Forbes 6—J. Leckie

9—J. Hutcheson 7—E. McAlpine

Forwards

5—S. Smith 4—W. Cumming 3—G. Hall

Halves

2—H. Bridge 1—J. Sinclair

Fullbacks

T. Davidson

Goalkeeper

BALMAIN SCOTTISH

(Red and White Stripes)

Reserves

SYDNEY

11—W. Glachen 12—S. Vipond

BALMAIN SCOTTISH

11—W. McMurray

PROGRAMME

Saturday, September 9, 1922.

Wentworth Park Oval—1.45 p.m.

Referee : Mr. J. W. EARP.

PYRMONT RANGERS v. PUNCHBOWL

PYRMONT RANGERS

(Blue with Gold Sashes)

Goalkeeper

F. Johnson

Fullbacks

1—A. Ellis

2—J. Black

Halves

3—A. Porter

4—C. Robinson

5—F. Garrard

Forwards

7—W. Anderson

9—A. Righton

6—J. McKinney

8—R. Books

10—J. Cohen



10—E. Devonfort

8—J. Mearns

6—Jim Parris

9—G. Sellars

7—Joe Parris

Forwards

5—Art Lang

4—J. Haines

3—G. Finney

Halves

2—H. Lang

1—F. Firth

Fullbacks

R. Singleton

Goalkeeper

PUNCHBOWL

(Black and Gold)

Reserves :

PYRMONT RANGERS v. PUNCHBOWL

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12—W. Kettyle

11—A. Lang

12—J. Lang

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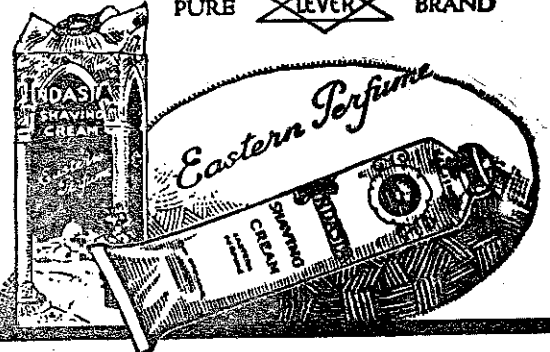
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THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES.

The third and most successful season of the P.C.S.F.A. terminated last Saturday. Lachlan Rangers A again carried off the First Grade Premiership, being undefeated for the second season in succession. In the only First Grade match played last week Lakemba Meth. A defeated All Saints.

On August 30th, 1922, Mr. Stan. Houlsar, who played with Lachlan Rangers A last season, and who represented on more than one occasion, was laid to rest. He had only been married four weeks. We extend our sincere sympathy to his bereaved parents and bride, and to all his friends. Lachlan Rangers A, as a mark of respect, wore black arm bands in their Sunlight Cup match last Saturday.

The only match of note in Second Grade, A Division, was that Balmain Pres. drew with Lakemba Congs. A. Dulwich Hill Bap. A vanquished St. Aidans B, 3-1, and so won their division.

Last Monday night at the Sydney Town Hall Mr. Harold ("Toc") Taylor, of All Souls A, received the Royal Humane Society's silver medal for bravery displayed last summer in rescuing, under very difficult circumstances, a lad who was in difficulties at Collaroy surf beach. We tender both him and in a minor way his team our heartiest congratulations.

In Second Grade, B Division, Alex. Congs. met their first reverse at the hands of St. Anne's, Ryde. It was one of the best exhibitions of the game seen in Second Grade this season, and the better team won, 3-2. The Green's defence, Cox and the Skelton Bros. was great, and some should find their way into rep. teams. Burne and Jones were the pick of the losers.

In Third Grade St. Bedes went under, this time to St. Oswalds, one

of the weaker teams. However, they still win the Comp. Thanks to All Souls B defeating Lakemba Congs. B the week earlier.

DULWICH HILL BAPTIST SOCCER CLUB.

The above club entered competition last year and ran out about sixth on the competition table with a total of sixteen points. With the addition of four new players, we have this year won the First Division of B Grade, with a total of 31 points.

In goal we have as our opponents called him "the best little goal-keeper in the comp." That sums up G. Howe. He is also a nippy centre half. Daniels, at left back, is a host in himself. His unerring judgment and hefty kick often saved the game for Dullie. Right back Walker is also sound in his position, though his miskicks often brought forth uncomplimentary remarks. Cutrel who filled the position of left half, had to drop out after only playing a few games, owing to spraining his ankle. He showed a decided improvement on last year. Wymer, who filled his place, has reached such a standard of play that he could favourably compare with any other half in the Comp. Davidson and Cox both managed to hold their own, and rarely allowed any forwards to reach the backs. The latter often showed his ability by taking the ball through from his own half and having a shot. Our captain, J. Coates, deserves every congratulation on his good work as skipper. He managed his team well, and kept it free from petty squabbles. His play was usually of the best, being entirely unselfish with the ball, though he was centre forward. J. Prince knew his game, and often contributed largely to our victories. C. Coates' judgment also does him credit; his passing was usually faultless, and his corner kicking was of the highest standard.

Bode's Ground at Wollongong with a little top dressing, watering, rolling, etc., could be made into one of the finest playing pitches in the State.

ST. BEDES, THIRD GRADE PREMIERS.

This team has had a splendid record for the year. In all, counting practice matches, they have taken part in 20 engagements, winning 17, drawing 1, and losing 2. They have scored 101 goals, against 21 by opponents. The most prolific goal kickers were McNamara 24, Goodsir 23, Alder 12, Hawthorn 10.

The forwards are a nippy lot, and whilst combining nicely, are always ready for an individual opportunity. The halves are reliable. W. Gibson, the midget of the team, at centre, has been most consistent throughout the season. He places the ball with excellent judgment, and is sound in defence. The backs, Horn and Cullip, are a good, strong, hefty pair, and tackle and kick well. Simmons ('keeper) is great, and has the full confidence of the team.

These lads, none of whom are over 17 years of age, should go far in the round ball game. Three of their members, Simmons, Horn, and Hawthorn "repped" against the Metropolitan Juniors, and gave good accounts of themselves, Horn and Simmons particularly. During the last few weeks, owing to injuries and sickness, they have not been playing with the same dash as they did previously, but while grateful for the rest after their strenuous exertions, are all keen to play together again when the whistle blows in 1923.

The following will represent the Protestant Churches Soccer Football Association, Third Grade, who will meet Granville, under 16, on Leichhardt Oval, at 1.45, on Saturday, 9th instant:—Simons (St. Bedes), Purese (Lakemba Congs. B), Horn (capt.) (St. Bedes), Allen (vice-capt.) (St. Albans), Gibson (St. Bedes), Geering (Austens Junrs.), Gould (Lakemba Meth.), Kitchen (All Souls B), McNamara (St. Bedes), White (Lakemba Congs. B), O'Connor (Lakemba Congs. B). Reserves:—Backs: Bullock (Botany Meth.), McMinn (All Souls B). Forwards: Warren (Botany Meth.), Hawthorne (St. Bedes).

The following will represent the Protestant Churches Soccer Football Association, First Grade, who will meet Corral, on Leichhardt Oval, at 3.15 p.m., on Saturday, 16th

instant:—C. Free (Lachlan Rangers A), Gorman (Austens F.C.), McCoy (Lachlan Rangers A), R. Millington (St. Aidans A), G. Dean (Lachlan Rangers A), Burrows (Will. St. Stephens), A. Edwards (Austens F.C.), H. Free (capt.) (Lachlan Rangers A), L. Davies (St. Aidans A), Hetherington (Will. St. Stephens), T. Martin (vice-capt.) (St. Aidans A). Reserves: —Backs: D. Nutter (Will. St. Stephens), R. Martin (St. Aidans A). Forwards: R. Horan (Lakemba Meth. A), Merrill (All Saints).

The following will represent the Protestant Churches Referees, who will meet the Metropolitan Referees on Leichhardt Oval at 3.15 p.m. on Saturday, 9th instant: —Thos. Anderson (capt.), W. Castleman (vice-capt.), Gibson, Clarke, Henry, Cubban, French, Scott, O'Connor, Robertson, Crutchley, and Marshall.

THE REFEREE.

(By "MAC.")

Apropos the complaint by the West Sydney Club against my action in refusing to accept a certain appointment, the Referees' Association decided that it had no power to act, and contends that a Referee is entitled to his opinion in making comment. In the circumstances, I requested permission to deal with the matter. The club concerned were evidently misinformed, and therefore make allegations founded on misstatements relating to the incident in question. Some enlightenment will perhaps make the position clear. I refused to accept a certain appointment, and when such a happening occurs a reason is usually looked for. In the course of debate I stated that neither the Appointments Board nor the F.A. could force any member to referee a game against his will, and in trying to make the point quite clear, I did not think that my statement would be misinterpreted, as it apparently has been. I am not the only referee who has refused certain appointments during the season, but in my case objections are raised. In any case, surely a Referee is entitled to his own opinion, and, I daresay, this is the plea that would be made by the informer as to why he

divulged a matter discussed by the Referees' Association.

All Referees are requested to attend the meeting on Monday night, when the matter of the proposed inter-association visits will receive further consideration.

IN THE LETTER BAG.

Dear Sir,—Having heard quite a lot about Lachlan Rangers, I made it my business to see them playing last week, and can assure you that they are a good, fast and nippy team, and would have beaten Garden Island with a little luck. A feature of the play was the brilliant play of the left half of the Rangers, whose name I found on enquiry to be Woodward. He would prove a good recruit to some of the Senior teams. Garden Island are a heavy team, and this, with the bad shooting of one of Lachlan's forwards, lost them their initial game in the Senior ranks. —Yours, etc.,

"OLD PLAYER."

B GRADE.

Division I.

Newtown's hon. sec. writes to point out that my last week's article re the position of teams in this competition was misleading. The position as shown by the table is that Newtown are 32 points with one match to play, and Leichhardt 30 with two matches to play. A match already played between these two leading clubs is at the present time the subject of an appeal, and is not included in the above.

"Avocate" writes:—The Senior Clubs that are in need of new blood have not far to look for men to strengthen their teams. Clubs

such as Marrickville, Avoca, Canterbury Juniors, which draw record crowds to Primrose Park, and send all away delighted games (four, this season) they provided must possess players who would be a credit to higher grades. Regarding Primrose Park, it would interest many Marrickville people if the figures of the attendance for the past few Saturdays were published, as, without doubt, the local junior team is the ground's best draw card.

RESULTS FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd 1922.

N.S.W. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Granville v. Sydney, Wentworth Oval (Stott). Granville, 2—1.
West Wallsend v. Woonona, Wollongong (Lukeman). West, 4—0.

SECOND GRADE PREMIER.

SHIP.

West Sydney v. Two Blues, Wentworth Oval (Peaty). West Sydney, 2—0.

SUNLIGHT CUP.

Annandale Altona receive forfeit from Drummoyne.

Punchbowl v. Hurstville United, Ibrox Park (D. McKinnon). Punchbowl, 3—1.

Hornsby Athletic v. Rozella Rovers, Sydney Cricket Ground (L. Gill). Hornsby, 3—2.

Garden Island v. Lachlan Rangers, Sydney Cricket Ground (L. Gill). Garden Island, 2—1.

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KERR CUP.
NORTHERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP.
Ferment v. Weston, at Weston.
Weston, 3—2.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

FIRST GRADE PREMIERSHIP.

Team.	Goals.									
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Weston	14	13	1	—	43	11	26			
West. Fern.	14	12	2	—	38	15	24			
Granville	14	7	5	2	30	18	16			
Granville	14	7	7	—	24	32	14			
Py. Rang.	14	6	7	1	28	29	13			
St. Glad.	14	4	7	3	31	39	11			
Gladesville	14	1	10	3	19	44	5			
East Sub.	14	1	12	1	18	43	3			
Canterbury	14	1	12	1	18	43	3			

Second Division.

Team.	Goals.									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Sydney	14	10	1	3	37	16	21			
St. Scot.	14	9	3	2	45	18	21			
Com. Dock.	14	8	1	5	26	14	17			
Auburn	14	8	1	5	39	17	17			
Auburn Anniv.	14	6	4	4	28	17	16			
Comp. Thist.	14	4	—	6	17	26	12			
St. Syd.	14	3	2	9	27	40	8			
Lat. Soc.	14	—	—	14	11	82	—			

SECOND GRADE.

A Division.

Teams.	Goals.									
	P.	B.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		
Annand. Alt.	16	2	11	3	2	44	19	29		
Horn. Ath.	16	2	9	2	5	39	21	24		
Sunlight	16	2	9	2	5	28	18	24		
Gladesville	15	2	8	1	6	30	29	21		
Meters Ltd.	16	2	7	1	8	24	24	19		
Maely	14	2	5	2	7	22	35	16		
St. Alb.	14	2	5	1	8	25	34	15		
N.S.W. F.B.	15	2	5	1	9	20	30	15		
Punchbowl	16	2	2	3	11	22	44	11		

B Division.

Teams.	Goals.									
	P.	B.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		
West Sydney	16	2	13	1	2	55	14	31		
Two Blues	15	2	11	2	2	61	9	28		
Pratria Dis.	16	2	11	2	3	41	21	28		
Callan Park	16	2	10	3	3	50	25	27		
Hurst. Unit.	16	2	7	1	8	25	36	19		
Roz. Rovers.	15	2	5	4	6	29	29	18		
Drumoyne	16	2	2	1	13	14	49	9		
St. Geo. Dis.	16	2	2	1	13	12	68	9		

C Division.

Teams.	Goals.										
	P.	B.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Py. Rang.	16	2	15	1	—	55	6	35			
Garden Is.	16	2	12	2	2	43	17	30			
Punch Pk.	16	2	11	1	4	52	35	27			
Rail Thist.	15	2	6	2	7	25	39	18			
Glades. Hos.	15	2	5	3	7	17	22	17			
Bot. Alb.	15	2	3	3	9	11	41	13			
Meters Ltd.	16	2	2	1	13	6	55	9			
Withdrawn from Competition.											
Annand. Alt.	11	1	5	1	5	28	20	11			
West Syd.	12	1	6	—	6	16	18	14			

GRANVILLE ASSOCIATION.

The fixtures set down for last Saturday week (Auburn Juniors v. Two Blues) to decide the finalists for the Junior Comp., lapsed, as Blues failed to come up to scratch. It is reported they had heart fail-

ure at the last minute. They tried to make all kinds of excuses, even going so far as to say the Association broke up their team. Could anything be more absurd?

Auburn Juniors and Carlingford will now have to play the final, which is set down for to-day at 1.45.

The Juvenile final was played last Saturday, when Carlingford won from Two Blues, 1—0.

Although Carlingford had most of the play, the "Merry Farmers" were unable to pierce the stubborn defence of Telfer and Flynn till just on half-time.

Blues put up a gallant fight in the second period.

Carlingford have now to produce their certificates.

The All Age Comp., as will be seen from the table, has narrowed down to Kewpies and West Ryde. My earlier forecast in this respect has been realised. I predicted that Volunteers and Holroyd would fight out the third portion, with Arnotts fourth.

Holroyd and Volunteers have completed their fixtures, and end up on 26 each.

Although West Ryde are on 25 they have still to play three games, United, Rangers and Kewpies.

They are sure to win two of them and possibly the three.

Last Saturday's results provided one surprise. Holroyd stopped Kewpies' march to the tune of 2—1.

Volunteers had no trouble with Rangers, 3—1.

United and St. Johns settled their argument to the tune of 5—0, and Arnotts failed to turn out to West Ryde.

This action of Arnotts is not understood. Perhaps they will be able to explain.

With our cricket friends clamouring for practice, it may be necessary to abandon some of the fixtures.

We have still to finalise the Cottam Cup. Comp.

Volunteers and Ryde have a drawn game to replay.

Kewpies have to play United.

The winners of these matches have to play Arnotts and Auburn in the semi-finals.

The news that Magpies had beaten Sydney was received with much satisfaction on Saturday night. We are all hopeful that our boys will bring the Cup back to Granville.

Speculation was rife before the Woonona-Balgownie match as to which side would have to change colours in case the latter won and had to meet Magpies at W.P.O. [It will not be decided till this week-end where the final is to be played.—Ed.] The question was settled this way: "As W.P.O. is the Magpies' home ground, the South Coast would have to change." The roar that went up could be heard at Clyde Oval.

Mr. Fred. Barlow, President N.S.W. Association, represented that body at the funeral of our late comrade, Fireman Brown.

The winner of the Cross Country Championship recently, Young McKenzie, is a member of Rangers. Soccerites generally were pleased to hear of his success, and wish him many more wins.

The Richardson Cup match, Auburn Juniors and Boolaroo, at Clyde last Saturday, was probably the best game seen at Clyde this season. The replay should be worth seeing. Personally I think Auburn will win.

To-day we play our Junior final at 1.45, when Auburn Juniors and Carlingford will meet.

At 3.15 Auburn District and Kurri will decide their Kerr Cup fixture.

ALL AGE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	B.	F.	A.	Pts.
Kewpies	12	11	1	—	2	81	9	26
Volunteers	16	11	5	—	2	36	24	26
Holroyd	17	12	5	—	1	36	17	26
West Ryde	14	11	2	1	1	39	13	25
Arnotts	14	7	5	2	1	28	35	18
United	16	6	8	2	1	33	34	16
Lidcombe	16	5	11	—	1	32	49	12
Rangers	15	2	11	2	1	13	66	8
St. Johns	14	1	12	1	2	15	61	7

METROP. JUNIORS.

MARRICKVILLE v. DULWICH HILL ATHLETIC.

The above teams met in a State Junior Championship game at Primrose Park, and great interest in the match was heightened because of Marrickville's narrow defeat of Marrickville the previous week, and the Athletics being the opponents of the conquerors in the final match for the A Grade Premiership.

Marrickville were again without the services of Speechly in the centre half position, who is still on the injured list.

Primrose Park, 3.15.

Referee: Mr. F. C. PACKER.

Linesmen: Messrs. S. ALLEN and G. SKELLY.

PYRMONT v. METROPOLITAN JUNIORS**PYRMONT**

(Blue):

R. McDonald

1—J. Crum	2—S. Anderson
3—E. Loveridge	5—C. Timms
4—J. Gray	
6—A. McLean	7—R. Maitland
8—S. Alewood	
9—J. Burcham	10—R. Osbourne
Reserves:	
11—W. Britton	12—T. Hayton

METROP. JUNIORS

Stevenson

1—Joass	2—Richards
3—Hubner	5—Heterick
4—Marshall	
6—Gilbert	7—Hall
8—Russell	
9—Bennett	10—Poole

The Athletics pressed from the kick off, and from the onset the Avocas' backs were very weak; Kermard badly miskicked in the first ten minutes, and Sullivan secured and centred for Fitzgibbon to score.

The Marrickville defence were given a busy and anxious time, and before the half time whistle their defence had again been pierced.

In the second half the Avoca team livened somewhat, and the many combined attempts of their forwards were repeatedly broken by the solid defence of Pivott and Wilson, the latter playing a wonderfully sure game. The final score was 4 to 1 in favour of Dulwich Hill; the only score registered by Avoca came per medium of Russell from a penalty kick.

Dulwich Hill journey to Newcastle to-day to try conclusions with Lambton, and should they win will qualify for the final.

It is a long time since the Richardson Cup was won by a Sydney combination, and with Dulwich Hill and Auburn still in the running it would not come as a surprise to see these two teams fight out the final.

CHARITY CUP.

Lilyfield and Canterbury met at Primrose Park, the former winning by 2 to 1, after a most exciting game. From the start, Lilyfield attacked in force, and Paull and Joass were given a lively time. Howarth successfully saved shots from Irwin and Dunn. Keeping up the pressure, Mitchell obtained from Hale, and after beating Paull and Joass, he scored with a splendid shot into the corner of the net.

This reverse livened Canterbury, who transferred the ball to opposite end, but Stevenson, Martin and Lillieblade proved great defenders. White at length secured and gave to Hale, who worked his way through Canterbury, but his shot lacked direction. Lilyfield continued to have the best of the play.

On resuming Canterbury strove hard to equalise, but brilliant defence kept them out. The attack was short-lived, however, and play was transferred to opposite end, where some brilliant combination was shown by Lilyfield's forwards. From a move by Mitchell to Hale, the latter, after some tricky footwork, evaded Paull and passed to Irwin, who beat Howarth with a terrific shot that gave him no chance to save. 2—0. From centre, Canterbury applied the pressure and attacked strongly, but Stevenson made some brilliant saves, that won him much applause. Gray, Bennett and Gilbert each tested him in turn, but to no avail. Lillieblade and Martin at back were splendid defenders, and kept Canterbury at bay, till just on full time, when Gray obtained and beat Stevenson with a hard, low drive.

Lilyfield	2
Canterbury	1

TO-DAY'S GREAT GAME.

A new innovation to Junior Soccer will be brought about to-day when a strong representative A Grade Junior team will try their skill against the Pyrmont First League, this year's Metropolitan Premiers. Many of our followers and unfortunately senior officials have no conception of the character of play given by our A Grade

players, but the Pyrmont Club officials are broad minded enough to think that their game to-day will be no walk over. We hope that the outcome will be more talent for our Senior ranks. Many a Junior has the opinion that he is not 'class enough for Senior football, and may be after to-day's match his mind and ideas will be changed.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

Club secretaries and delegates are reminded of the special general meeting to be held next Saturday night to hear the appeal by the Newtown Club against the decision of the committee in their match against Leichhardt.

COMPETITION TABLES.**A GRADE.****DIVISION I.**

Teams.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Dul. Hill Ath.	14	13	1	0	63	10	26
Dulwich Hill	15	12	3	—	48	12	24
Hurlstone Park	14	7	6	1	39	34	15
Brighton Unit.	15	3	10	2	24	61	8
New Crusaders	15	3	11	1	23	48	7
S. T. Leigh	15	1	12	2	14	45	4

DIVISION II.

Canter. Jun.	16	13	1	2	34	7	28
M'ville Avoca	16	12	2	2	40	15	26
Arncliffe	13	8	5	—	14	15	16
Kogarah	13	7	5	1	24	21	15
Lilyfield	12	6	5	1	12	17	13
Pride of Marrickville, Campsie, and Botany have withdrawn.							

B GRADE.**DIVISION I.**

Teams.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Newtown	17	16	1	—	32	5	32
Leichhardt	16	15	1	—	65	10	30
Annan. Alt.	17	12	4	1	64	14	25
Lilyfield	17	10	6	1	39	21	21
Y.M.C.A.	18	10	8	—	20	62	20
Punchbowl	17	7	8	2	24	27	16
Balmain	16	6	9	1	35	35	13
Stanmore	16	3	12	1	15	76	7
S. T. Leigh withdrawn.							

DIVISION II.

Bankstown	17	17	—	—	94	7	34
Kogarah	16	13	1	2	55	18	28
Canter Junrs.	16	9	6	1	46	23	19
Greenacre	16	9	6	1	24	26	19
Campsie Thistle	16	7	8	1	25	43	15
Camp. Old. Boys	18	6	10	2	26	31	14
Arncliffe	17	6	10	1	25	36	13
Dul. Hill Ath.	16	5	10	1	18	58	11
Penshurst	18	4	13	1	21	75	9
Botany have withdrawn.							

Several results not to hand.

Teams. Goals.

There is a bar at the Sydney Cricket Ground, and other grounds, why not at Wentworth Park?

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